

Application No. 10/762,230

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 2 as illustrated in red on the attached photocopy. In Figure 2 it is proposed to add a bracket.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4 are allowed.

Substitute Specification

As required by the Examiner, a Substitute Specification is enclosed, along with a marked-up copy of the original specification indicating the changes made thereto by the Substitute Specification. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the Substitute Specification. Entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitting a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure for that originally filed with this application to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Entry of the Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Drawings

Applicant proposes to amend Figure 2, as illustrated in red on the attached photocopies. In Figure 2 it is proposed to add a bracket. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the proposed amendment to this figure. It is believed the foregoing proposed amendment obviates the outstanding objections to the drawings. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because the reference character "22" shown in Figure 3 is not mentioned in the specification. The specification, page 3, line 23 has been changed to read --countless gaps 22-- thereby obviating the outstanding objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, except for the above proposed drawing corrections, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

Since only allowed claims 1-4 remain in this application, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art reference is believed to be necessary.

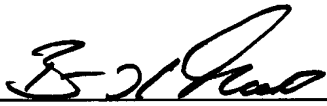
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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